फिरिंगों को ध्यान में रखा जाएगा। सम्पूर्णतः सुरक्षित संरचनाएं सुनिचित करने लिए कृगा के दूसरे यूनिट और राजस्थान 3 और 4, जिनके आंतरिक संरोधक स्म्बद का डिजायन उसी तरह का है, यू निर्माण में डिजायन संबंधी उपयुक्त केरिवर्तन भी किए जाएंगे।

**Cut in the price of Ranitidine**

312. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had announced a cut in the price of Ranitidine, a drug for ulcer patients of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government refused to effect the cut in the price of the drug following the repeated intervention by a drug multinational;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for refusing to allow cut in the price of drug; and

(d) whether the cut in the price of the drug is likely to benefit a large number of ulcer patients of the country; and if so, when the cut is likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The price of bulk drug Ranitidine has been reduced to Rs. 1835|- per kg. The prices of formulations based on this bulk drug were also reduced accordingly and notified on 6-7-1994.

**Difference in the actual and allowed price of drugs**

313. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1299 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in case of Ranitidine, Carbamezapine, diclofenac sodium, Cemitidine, Furazolidone and several other drugs, formulators made crores of rupees due to the difference in the price of bulk drugs allowed in the formulations and the actual price at which the bulk drugs were procured;

(b) what are the names of three major formulators of each drug and now much quantity of each drug was procured|consumed by each formulator during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that in the absence of Para 7 (2) of DPCO, 1979 such amounts cannot be recovered;

(d) if so, the details of other measures being taken; and

(e) whether it is a fact that in the guise of simplfying and rationalizing the pricing system, provisions meant for consumer protection in DPCO, 1979 were abolished, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The price of formulations are fixed|revised based on the actual price of the prevailing notified price or the landed cost of imports based on the DGHS date for drugs which are substantially imported (whichever is lower).

The details of procurement|consumption of drugs by the individual companies are not monitored.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. Para 15 of the DPCO 1987 incorporates power for recovery of dues.